Kirkwood, Mo. Apr. 2nd/78

Dear Dr. Engelmann:—

Accept many thanks for your favor of March 18th, naming my botanical specimens. I was quite chagrined to find that, as three or four of the species occur here also, I ought to have made their acquaintance long ago.

You will recollect however, that my lameness makes me largely dependent on others as collectors and probably many things escape the non-botanical eye which I myself should see were I able to walk about more. Besides I have given my time for some years almost exclusively to Entomology and consequently have not made the progress that I ought

in botanical knowledge, especially in the difficult families.

In regard to specimen "No 2." — if you will pardon the doubt — it hardly seems possible that it can be an Ulmus. I have only met with it as a rather low shrub, and it grows ~~grows~~ in great abundance in a certain bog, near Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Riley is inclined to think it a species of Sallow or something belonging to the Willow family, on account of a certain insect feeding on it, which, in Europe, feeds exclusively on the Sallow.

I will request my friends in Minneapolis to procure me some more perfect specimens and, with your permission, will write you again concerning it.

With much gratitude for your kindness

I remain

Very Respectfully Yours

Mary E. Wurtfeldt.

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